



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

2013 State Service Plan

Montana Commission on Community Service

Established in 1993 to expand and promote volunteerism and National Service, the Montana Commission on Community Service has proven to be a consistent and nimble organization in addressing the critical needs of Montana. Volunteers are vital to keeping Montana communities vibrant and strong, by giving time to help others Montanans are creating a great place to live, work, recreate, and raise a family. With a timeless tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, Montanans believe that more can get done when working together.

The 2013 State Service Plan functions as the foundation for the Montana Commission on Community Service 2013-2015 work plan. This plan is based in State Statute with input from our Commission, partners, and using statewide surveys on volunteerism and emergency preparedness. The Governor's Office of Community Service executes the State Service Plan laid out by the Montana Commission on Community Service. Updated annually, the 2013 State Service Plan will be reviewed and revised for 2014 and again in 2015.

The Montana Commission on Community Service adopted the Corporation for National and Community Service's six priority areas: environmental stewardship, education, veteran and military families, disaster services, economic opportunity, and healthy futures. In addition to supporting the state priority to expand and promote volunteerism the Commission has championed the Governor's initiatives. With a solid foundation the Montana Commission on Community Service supports community collaboration, targets rural, tribal or underserved areas of our state and encourages disability inclusion in the design and delivery of all volunteer and National Service programs.

The vision for the Montana Commission on Community Service over the next three years will center on:

- *expanding opportunities for all Montanans to volunteer,*
- *building on existing frameworks within local and state government, communities, and nonprofits to expand opportunities to serve, and*
- *supporting cross stream National Service activities and programs in Montana to address critical needs.*

Mid and end of the year grant progress reports will help the Montana Commission on Community Service continually evaluate advancement towards the three key objectives outlined in the 2013 State Service Plan. Activities, programs, and key objectives will be reevaluated and updated as needed with a complete update at the end of every calendar year.

Vision and Objectives

Expand opportunities for all Montanans to volunteer

- Community Outreach
 - Volunteer recognition
 - ~~Annual survey~~
 - AmeriCorps Recruitment
 - Youth Serve Montana Scholarships
 - ServeMontana webpage, social media, traditional media
- Inclusive Strategy
- Days of Service
 - MLK Day of Service, Global Youth Service Day, 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, [National Public Lands Day](#), [National Trails Day](#) and other public days of service
- Ready Montana
 - Individual preparedness and neighbors helping neighbors
 - [Fire Ready and Winter Ready](#)
 - [Disaster response information](#)

Build on existing frameworks within local and state government, communities, and nonprofits to expand opportunities to serve

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- AmeriCorps State Competitive and Formula funding process
- College and career readiness
 - Service-learning and internship opportunities
- Veterans and Military Families

Support cross stream National Service activities and programs in Montana

- Training and technical assistance
 - ServeMontana Symposium
 - ~~Montana Nonprofit Association Conference~~
- Provision for AmeriCorps State programs in Montana
 - Reporting, site visits, oversight
- ~~Maintain Montana AmeriCorps Connection~~

~~2013~~ 2015 Calendar of Events

National Service Days

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: January
- Global Youth Service Day: April
- [National Trails Day: June](#)
- 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance: September
- National Public Lands Day: September

Volunteer Recognition

- ServeMontana and ReadyMontana Awards: February
- [Youth Serve Montana Scholarships: May](#)
- [NAIA Volunteer of the Game: September - November](#)

Statewide Call to Service Campaigns

- Fire Ready: June to September
- [Winter Ready: October to February](#)
- [America's Prepareathon: April](#)
- National Preparedness Month: September
- [Great Montana Shakeout: October](#)

Commission Meetings

- Strategic Planning: February
- Formula Funding: June
- State Service Plan: ~~October~~ [September](#)
- Competitive Funding: December

AmeriCorps Program Training

- In-person training: February and September
- Conference calls: February, April, June, August, October, and December

Conferences

- ServeMontana Symposium: February
- ~~Montana Nonprofit Association: September~~

